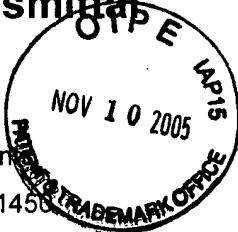


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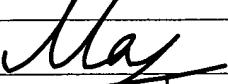
Application Number	09/955,924
Filing Date	September 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Huitema
Group Art Unit	2131
Examiner Name	Longbit Chai
Attorney Docket Number	177765.01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above- identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).	
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply (after Final) (23 pages)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement</p> <p>iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time (3 months; in duplicate)</p> <p>v. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Copy of this RCE Transmittal Form; Fee Transmittal (in duplicate; total fee \$1,810.00); Express Mail Certificate; Return Receipt Postcard</u></p>			
2. Miscellaneous			
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
3. Fees			
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0463</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (3 months; \$1,020.00)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</p>			

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Signature		Date	November 10, 2005

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